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DEPARTMENT STORES OF NEW YORK CONDEMNED IN BIG REPORT

*National Civic Federation Scores Wages and Working
Conditions in New York Stores After Investigating
Twenty-two, Employing 39,000—Trust News-
papers Suppress or Distort Report.*

New York, July 28.—The National Civic Federation is a bosses' organization.

Some time ago the "Welfare Department" of the National Civic Federation set out to investigate wages and working conditions in New York department stores.

It did this just at the time that the cry of the people against the low wages and horrible working conditions of the department stores was swelling louder and louder.

The object of the investigation was to exonerate department stores, to clear them of the charges of paying low wages, of working girls long, weary hours under insanitary conditions, and above all things to try and prove to the people that the low wages paid by multi-millionaire de-

partment store owners had nothing to do with vice, so that the people might not rise up in wrath and so that the multi-millionaires might quiet their own consciences.

William R. Willcox, chairman of the Welfare Department of the National Civic Federation, has just made public that body's report on wages and working conditions in New York department stores.

And despite the fact that the National Civic Federation is a bosses' organization, and that the purpose of the investigation was to clear the name of the department stores, the report damns the department stores and their multi-millionaire owners more effectively than any tirade.

The investigation was a most thorough one. Twenty establish-